



NEWARK COALITION FOR NEIGHBORHOODS

Ironbound Community Corporation
La Casa de Don Pedro
Newark Tenants Organization
Roseville Coalition
St. Ann's Bilingual Learning Center
St. Columba's Neighborhood Club
Tri-City Citizens Union for Progress
Unified Vailsburg Services Organization
Youth Consultation Service

The Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods is a collective of neighborhood based and neighborhood advocacy organizations. Since October 1977 we have been working to open information channels and decision-making processes so that urban development in Newark will reflect the needs of all neighborhood residents.

During the past two years, the Coalition has looked closely at Newark's Housing and Community Development Act (HDCA) grant application and at Urban Development Action Grant (UDAG) proposals. We have put forth recommendations and have participated in every HCDA and UDAG public hearing.

The Coalition has also looked closely at arson-for-profit and at economic forces pushing low and moderate income people from their homes. It also has worked for more police protection in neighborhoods coupled with an increase in jobs and a restoration of severely cut recreation programs in the city.

The Newark Coalition for Neighborhoods is dedicated to developing true citizen participation in Newark which will guarantee that federal dollars are used to improve existing neighborhoods and will not be used to displace low-income residents. We feel the current residents of Newark's neighborhoods should benefit from redevelopment, yet their stories are seldom considered, their interests rarely articulated in city planning and redevelopment.

The coalition is working to:

- 1. Establish the right of citizens to obtain information from public agencies in a timely and coherent fashion.*
- 2. To assist neighborhood residents and groups in the analysis and dissemination of information.*
- 3. To support efforts of neighborhoods to define their own needs and to develop their own programs and project solutions.*